

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Langford, please, on the McFarland amendment.

SENATOR LANGFORD: I'd like to call the question, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Shall debate cease? Those in favor of ceasing debate please vote aye, opposed nay. Shall debate close? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays to cease debate, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Debate is ceased. Senator McFarland, for closing.

SENATOR MCFARLAND: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and fellow senators. This amendment is really simple. It is a 21 percent rate, it is an attempt to, in good faith, to fulfill the many campaign promises that were made by people seeking election last year that they were not going to increase taxes because, in fact, this 21 percent rate would be, in effect, revenue neutral. It would generate \$369 million as compared to \$366 million last year. It is ironic that the same people who were promising, last year, that there would be no tax increase, in order to get elected, and I'm speaking about a number of people, are now voting in favor of LB 773 which I refer to as the Switzer tax plan, that, in fact, would increase state income tax revenues by 11 to 15 million dollars, an increase in state taxes of that amount. I feel very fair in calling it the Switzer tax plan because it is so subtly false, so specious, so deceptive and so misleading. You know, since I presented the amendment last week, I've had a number of senators come to me and say, you know I'm feeling a little uneasy about this LB 773, I don't know all the figures but I'm a little bit worried about what the voters of my district are going to say in a few years when they see that their taxes have been raised. But they say, but I don't know enough and I'm kind of going along with everybody else; can you give me any additional information? And the information I give them is, yes, it is going to be a tax increase and you are going to regret voting for this, and I encourage you to reconsider your position. That is exactly why I have submitted this amendment, again, although it isn't identical in form, its effect would be the same. You may recall last week that I said...quoted the English Prime Minister Desralie who said there are three types of lies, those being white lies, damnable lies and statistics. And I think that quote has been shown validity